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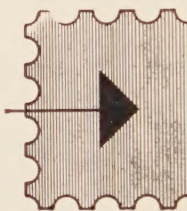
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 \$20.00—#119, R121; \$21—#R130, RD307
 \$23.50—#277, R129; \$27.50—#18, RD23
 \$31.50—#12, 13 \$38.50—#2, 292

GROUP IV. Fine-VF Condition

Each
 5c—#146, 205, 209, 270, 283, 370, 680
 30c—#271, 282, 294, 302, 305, 367, 577
 35c—#146, 285, 329, 511, 615, F1, 017
 45c—#233, 237, 548, 893, C10, 037, PS1
 55c—#138, 185, 211, 225, 309, 834, E2
 55c—#03, 020, 089, Q3, R44a, R66a
 55c—#R17c, RB15b, RE34, RE50, U189
 65c—#159, 254, 323, 340, 644, 077, 082
 65c—#Q9, R40b, R123, RG6, U19, U26
 75c—#274, 497, 513, 611, 620, 650, R105
 75c—#R178, R221, RC18, RK20, RW21
 85c—#161, 470, 537, 833, R7a, RW14, RL8
 95c—#179, 575, 628, 662, 019, 022, R9a
 \$1.15—#392, 572, 023, 056, 083, R127
 \$1.25—#187, 188, 308, R58a, RE49, RK15
 \$1.35—#141, 189, 232, 399, 483, Q7, Q8
 \$1.45—#227, 400a, 535, 573, 024, R114
 \$1.55—#150, 478, 021, 053, R10a, R67a
 \$1.65—#63, 68, 531, R32a, RD19, RG11
 \$1.95—#113, 288, 290, 296, 297, 320, 403
 \$2.15—#214, 287, 061, Q12, R58c, RE56
 \$2.25—#190, 275, 310, 326, 371, 415, 473
 \$2.75—#190, 275, 310, 326, 371, 415, 473
 \$2.95—#524, 550, 616, 072, PR120, U112
 \$3.75—#35, 76, 289, 546, 621, R82a, R408
 \$4.50—#238, 259, 327, 479, C2, 042, RW1
 \$5.75—#76a, 97, 115, 116, 276, 357, RF10
 \$8.25—#71, C18, 080, PR23, R149, R183

PART B—MINT AND UNUSED

GROUP V. Average Condition

Each
 5c—#267, 405, 425, 463, 525, 583, 651
 10c—#210x, 213x, 219x, 264, 279, 319, J3
 15c—#230x, 250x, 294x, 372x, 538, 540
 25c—#526, 561, 615, E11, E12, Q3, U27
 30c—#65x, 183x, 206x, 265, 281, 303x
 30c—#304x, 370, 378, 428, 518, 585, C12
 40c—#266x, 270, 272x, 280x, 304, 334
 50c—#26x, 146x, 221x, 255x, 280, E5
 60c—#222x, 236x, 269, 417, 435, 612, C4
 70c—#215x, 216x, 224x, 233x, 255, 307
 80c—#156x, 182x, 223x, 236, 257, 379x
 90c—#215, 216, 224, 256x, 282, 035x
 \$1.00—#114x, 214x, 223, 235x, 379, 558x
 \$1.20—#73x, 145x, 205x, 256, 396, 0110
 \$1.30—#24x, 157x, 189x, 288x, 320, U73
 \$1.40—#63x, 237x, 287x, 297x, J2, Q7
 \$1.75—#68x, 113x, 226x, 237, 283, 296x
 \$2.00—#226, 283, 330x, 373, 040x, PR18x
 \$2.25—#76x, 146x, 272, 302, 507, E5x
 \$2.40—#161x, 283x, 289x, 299x, 325
 \$2.75—#73x, 238, 274, 320a, 402, 472
 \$3.25—#133x, 148x, 208x, 282, 290, 299
 \$3.50—#112x, 239x, 323, C6, PR2, PR5
 \$4.75—#160x, 275; \$6.50—#115x, 116x

GROUP VI. Good Condition

Each
 30c—#286, 294, 295, 328, 376, 503, 511
 40c—#206x, 285x, 303x, 348, 426, 513
 50c—#183x, 272x, 281, 304, 354, 586, 586
 60c—#253x, 268x, 270, 285, 628, 030x
 70c—#26x, 146x, 272, 302, 507, E5x
 80c—#221x, 225, 232x, 268x, 269, 280
 90c—#307x, 431, 435, E3x, L02x, 025
 \$1.00—#224x, 232, 236x, 253, 427, 062x
 \$1.20—#234x, 235x, 282, 320b, 619, 030x
 \$1.30—#215, 216x, 223x, 514, K7, 0106
 \$1.60—#214, 234, 396, 470, 588, Q9, J36
 \$1.70—#244, 73x, 157x, 288x, 394, 560
 \$2.10—#63x, 145x, 237x, 256, 029x, PR4
 \$2.30—#189, 287x, 296x, 621, PR65, Q8
 \$2.40—#88x, 113x, 227x, 237, 283x, 550
 \$2.60—#287, 297, 325x, 330x, 350, PR2
 \$2.80—#68x, 189, 226x, 296, 326x, 042x
 \$2.90—#227, 289x, 309, 325, 390, 096x
 \$3.20—#159x, 161x, 284, 326, 399, 0X3x
 \$3.60—#78x, 289, 320a, E1x, E2, 0107
 \$3.75—#282x, 299, 358, C5, E9x, PR5
 \$4.60—#133x, 148x, 150x, 239x, 290, E1
 \$4.75—#9x, 225, 400, 06x, 09x, 065x, 095
 \$5.85—#69x, 240x, 275, 327x, PR73x
 \$7.65—#38x, 190x, 327, 010x, 032x, Q10
 \$8.65—#96x, 116x; \$9.75—#71x, E10x

GROUP VII. Very Good Condition

Each
 10c—#425, 480, 583, 610, 689, 725, JQ1
 15c—#319, 410, 582, 646, 651, 688, C7
 20c—#319c, 463, 528b, 559, 603b, 680
 25c—#213x, 301, 512, 542, 557, 627, 733
 30c—#C8, C16, E14, J53, 090, 091x, J53
 35c—#374, 563, 567m, 614, 629m, 692
 35c—#210x, 231x, 319a, 327, 564, 588
 45c—#614m, 631, 697, C9, C10, 016, W88
 45c—#321, 295x, 367, 495, 503, 588, 622
 45c—#644, 647m, 693, E11, E13, 047
 55c—#230, 246, 250, 288x, 398, 412, 511
 55c—#513, 535x, 540m, 562, 585, 650
 55c—#184x, 206x, 247, 428, 526, 537
 75c—#281, 294m, 328m, 377x, 566, 667
 85c—#270, 272x, 336, 357, 588m, C22
 95c—#280x, 377, 392, 428, 567, 625, Q5
 \$1.05—#212, 219D, 272, E8x, 017x, Q4
 \$1.15—#146x, 209x, 268, 302, 306, 447m
 \$1.25—#221x, 308, 555, 673m, JQ5, 081x
 \$1.45—#209, 254, 355, 401, 661, E3x, K9
 \$1.65—#255m, 305, 353m, 414m, 619, 021x
 \$1.85—#215, 222, 255m, 571, K5m, K11m
 \$1.95—#214, 233, 254, 320, 415, 579, K13
 \$2.25—#114x, 211x, 235x, 336, 340, 395
 \$2.25—#558m, 560, E7m, 082x, 087x, Q9
 \$2.45—#324, 256, 271, 338, 363, 394, 470
 \$2.65—#63x, 205x, 235x, 430, 621x, 678
 \$3.25—#145x, 189x, 211, 237x, 518, 541
 \$3.25—#546m, 621, 027, 063, 088x, Q7m
 \$3.75—#183x, 189, 208x, 297x, 407, 043
 \$4.25—#227, 283, 297, 330x, 07, 044
 \$4.45—#236, 284, 287, 296, 298, 380, PR2
 \$4.75—#35x, 227m, 282x, 387m, 357, 380m
 \$5.25—#235x, 289m, 309, 297m, 326, 330
 \$5.25—#399, 402, C5, E2x, 096, 0122
 \$5.75—#228x, 328m, 330m, 400x, J47
 \$8.45—#23x, 287, 586m, 011x, 033x
 \$12.50—#71x, 115x, 116x, 118x, 341, 519

GROUP VIII. Fine Condition

Each
 10c—#408, 409, 657, 682, 703, 754, 755
 10c—#789, 837m, 856m 903m, C38m, JQ1m
 15c—#423m, 544m, 610m, 654m, 669, 670
 15c—#725m, 744m, 816m, C14, E15, W87
 20c—#343, 576, 646, 719m, 817m, 819m
 25c—#319, 332, 553m, 603m, 643m, 683m
 25c—#692, 734m, 753, 821m, 823m, C11
 25c—#J41, JQ3, 016x, 090, Q1, Q2, QE2
 30c—#279, 319m, 512, 563c, 627, 692m, C8
 35c—#452, 512m, 565, 587, 629, 659m, C28
 45c—#614, 697m, 714, 749, C9m, C26, J40
 45c—#016, 098, 0X6, PR57, PR58, W88
 55c—#213, 290x, 319a, 495m, 501m, 503
 55c—#548, 588m, 615, 623, 647, 711m
 55c—#714m, 749m, 750a, 863m, 873m, C21
 55c—#E11, E13, 015, 091x, PR57m, PR91
 65c—#231, 367, 508, 511, 538, 540, 615m
 65c—#623m, 644m, 647m, 650, E13m, Q3
 75c—#230, 231m, 248, 367m, 412, 507m
 85c—#309, 398, 412m, 566, 585, C11, QE4
 85c—#620m, 628x, 696m, 698m, 091, QE4
 85c—#206x, 216, 248m, 286, 294, 348m
 85c—#549, 575, 618m, 672, 699, 888m, C22
 85c—#C31m, J76, 019x, 038



News, Views and Comments

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First International Congress of Philately at Barcelona March 26-April 5, 1960

THE first Congress of International Philately, to be held in Barcelona, Spain, March 26-April 5, 1960, will include discussions of all types of work in relation to philately, besides two exhibitions, one international, the other national. Items on the agenda of the Congress are (1) general co-operation and the influence of the postage stamp in society; (2) history of philately; (3) techniques of stamp-making; (4) techniques of philately; (5) subject matter on stamps; (6) the stamp and Associations; (7) stamp dealing; (8) forgery and examination; (9) pre-philatelic era, postal markings; (10) bibliography, documentation, and publications; (11) the future of philately; (12) economy and philately; (13) the stamp and the State; (14) cancellations and postmarks; (15) the philatelic press; (16) other subjects relating to the stamp.

The Congress will be composed of the following: (1) members of official institutions that wish to be represented; (2) representatives of international federations and national associations devoted to philately in any of its branches; (3) members of the Executive Committee and representatives appointed by the same in each of the countries taking part; (4) private individuals who present participation to the Congress and whose participation is approved by the corresponding Commission; (5) those who have applied to take part, in spite of their not fulfilling the above-mentioned requirements.

Included in the exhibition, in addition to the two divisions already mentioned, will be official contributions, an exhibit of philatelic techniques and art, and a juvenile exhibit. The international exhibition will be under the patronage of the International Federation of Philately (F.I.P.)

The official contributions will consist of governmental institutions issuing stamps, post offices, museums,

and similar bodies. Collections entered for competition will be in the categories of individual exhibitors, philatelic societies, organizations and groups with philatelic aims. The divisions will consist of (1) Spain, African provinces, offices, and former provinces and possessions; (2) Europe; (3) Asia, Australia, Oceania, and Africa; (4) America; (5) airmail; (6) thematics; (7) philatelic literature. These in turn will be split up into general, specialized, study, entire collections, cancellations, rarities, errors and forgeries, locals, essays and proofs and documents related to stamp-making. Also there may be sub-groups of prephilatelic collections and postal marks; classical collections up to and including 1900; modern collections; collections not limited to any particular period of time.

The awards will include the Grand Prix d'Honneur for the best contribution in the Class of Honor; a Grand Prix National for the best exhibit in the National Class; a Grand Prix International, for the

best exhibit in the competitive class. There will be gold, gold-silver, silver-gilt, silver, bronze-silver, bronze medals, and diplomas.

In the national exhibition collectors or societies both in Spain and abroad will participate, the only stipulation having been that the exhibits must be of Spain, African provinces, offices, and former provinces and possessions of Spain.

Barcelona, where the exhibitions and congress are being held, is the capital of the former Principality of Catalonia, and of the province which today bears the same name. It is a large cosmopolitan city, stretching from the shores of the Mediterranean to the foothills of the mountains surrounding the plain on which it stands. The climate is mild and relaxing. It is an interesting spot, with many contrasts. Its history dates back to an obscure Italian castrum, the only vestiges of which remain in the shape of some mysterious and very old coins bearing the inscription BARKENO in the native alphabet.

The visitor to the Congress and



Christmas Card received from Lydia Callahan, who, along with other members of the Women's International Stamp Club, is working so diligently on the People-to-People Hobbies Committee program. The map with ribbons carrying over to covers postmarked at the designated spots is similar to the large one the group uses at philatelic exhibitions, such as INTERPEX and the A.S.D.A. National Postage Stamp Shows in New York.

exhibitions is sure to find much of interest to make it worth while to lengthen his stay. There are many attractions, the theatre, arts, museums, sports, and historic spots.

POLSKA '60—The International Philatelic Exhibition at Warsaw, September 3-11, 1960

THE Postal Administrations of many countries have announced their participation in the Official Class of POLSKA '60, the international exhibition being held in Warsaw, Poland, September 3-11, 1960. Besides the United States and the United Nations, there are the following: Albania, Australia, Belgium, British Guiana, Bulgaria, Burma, Cambodia, Canada, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic (East Germany), German Federal Republic (West Germany), Ghana, Gibraltar, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Yugoslavia, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Roumania, San Marino, Sweden, Tunis, Turkey, U.S.S.R., Viet-Nam, and West Indies (Montserrat, Turks & Caicos).

The U.S.A. official exhibit will consist of the "Birth of the Postage Stamp"; mechanization and automation of post office devices; the history of the mail box, stage coach, and other related services. The exhibit will occupy 3500 square feet.

The stamp-producing firm of

Thomas de la Rue, in London, will also have an exhibit.

The number of individual entries as of December 1959 had reached 520, and about 130 more have notified of intention to enter. Among some of the outstanding collections will be a research collection of Egypt, owned by Dr. W. Byam of England; a research collection of the early Swedish issues, by E. Blomberg, of Stockholm; the specialized Australian collection of John Kilfoyle; and a research collection of Sweden, owned by J. Olsson.

For the first time in its sixty-seven years' history the Philatelic Society of India will participate in an international exhibition, this to be at POLSKA '60. It will enter in the category of literature the outstanding research work, *The Hand Struck Postage Stamps of India*.

Up to the time of the last report the largest number of competitive exhibits had been received from individuals in Great Britain (58), Poland (49), Sweden (41), Czechoslovakia (39), United States (37).

A group of prominent Polish philatelists have prepared and sent to press the first volume of a four-volume set on Polish stamps. It contains information on Polish postmarks, beginning with the sixteenth century up to the present time. It will have detailed knowledge on precursors, pre-philatelic letters, postage stamps, and other philatelic fields. It is expected that the

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second volume will also be ready for sale at the exhibition along with Volume I. In addition to the pre-philatelic period up to 1860, the volumes will include the stamp period of the first Polish stamp, and postage stamps from the years 1918 to 1960. Volumes III and IV of the set of text books will appear during 1961.

During the international philatelic exhibition SICILIA '59, in Palermo, L. Berthelot, president of F.I.P., suggested the organization in Warsaw of an International Philatelic Federation Congress between September 10-12, 1960, at the end of the POLSKA '60 exhibition. A meeting of the Experts Commission was likewise held during the Palermo exhibition. The date of the Congress of Experts was discussed, and propositions were made to choose France, England, or Poland as the meeting-place. Experts from all over the world are invited by the Polish Philatelic Federation to attend and take part in their meeting in Warsaw.

The Executive Committee has announced that exhibitors will be notified by letter in January 1960 about space allocation at the exhibition. Final entry forms will be attached to these notifications, to be filled out and returned to the Executive Committee not later than April 15, 1960. Data contained in these final entry forms will constitute the basic descriptive material to be introduced into the exhibition catalog.

Sports Tourist, a travel office in Warsaw, Polna 18, has supplied the Executive Committee with information concerning group visits in Poland of philatelists and other guests during the exhibition. The agency's services will include advisement on lodging, food, transportation and excursions.

All exhibitors can insure their collections during transport as well as at the exhibition in whatever insurance company they wish. Should they be refused by any company, however, the State Insurance Company, of Warsaw, will insure collections from any country in the world for the exhibition. It is im-

EARLY U. S. FIRST DAYS

The new surge of interest in First Days is making it more difficult to maintain a stock of the issues of the pioneer period of the 1920's.

Recently we were fortunate enough to pick up some of these, which along with the stock then on hand, leads us to believe we have enough to offer in this special ad. If you need any of these please order now before stocks become depleted. These early covers are neat and attractive but naturally are without cachets.

Cat. No.	Year	Description	Single	Pair	Block
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555		3c Lincoln, flat.....	1.25
564		12c Cleveland, flat.....	4.50
604		1c Franklin, endwise coil....	\$ 3.25
606		2c Washington, endwise coil..	2.65	.....	.....
610		2c Harding, flat, perf 11.....	1.10	.....	.....
611		2c Harding, imperf. (*pl. of 6)	.....	8.75	\$ *30.00
612		2c Harding, Rotary perf. 11..	7.35	.....	.....
615	1924	2c Huguenot Walloon.....	1.60	.....	2.75
615STE		2c Huguenot Walloon, but straight edge.....	.95	.....	.....
616		5c Huguenot Walloon.....	4.85	.....	.....
616STE		5c Huguenot Walloon but straight edge.....	2.95	.....	.....
614-16		1-5c Huguenot Wal'n on 1 cov.	8.75	.....	.....
617-19	1925	1c-5c Lexington-Concord, on one cover.....	7.50
620-21		2c-5c Norse-Amer. on 1 cover	7.50

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Feb. 29—4c & 8c Palais de Chaillot

UNITED STATES—1960

Jan. 20—Mount Vernon, Virginia—4c
George Washington "American Credo"

Feb. 8—Washington, D. C.—4c Boy Scouts of America

Feb. 18—Squaw Valley, Calif.—4c Winter Olympic Games

March 7—Washington, D. C.—4c & 8c Masaryk "Champion of Liberty."

April 7—Washington, D. C.—4c World Refugee Year

April 18—Washington, D. C.—4c Water Conservation

April 22—San Francisco, Calif.—25c "Liberty" airmail

June 10—Miami, Florida—10c "Liberty" Airmail

June 17—Santa Fe, New Mexico—11/4c Palace of Governors, regular issue.

July 4—4c 50-Star Flag

July 19—Sacramento, Calif.—4c Pony Express

July 19—St. Joseph, Missouri—4c Pony Express stamped envelope (5c each).

Aug. 28—New York I, New York—Employ the Physically Handicapped

Aug. 29—Seattle, Wash.—Fifth World Forestry Congress

Nov. 1—New York I, N. Y.—4c Camp Fire Girls

Date unannounced—New York—Boys' Clubs of America.

Date postponed. Do not send for covers until this new date is announced.—

Washington, D. C.—10c airmail commem. for 11th Inter-American Conference American States.

portant for exhibitors from countries which have no transfer rights with Poland to know that the State Insurance Company has an account with the London Lloyds Bank, Overseas Department. In connection with securing insurance of collections, exhibitors should correspond directly with the State Insurance Company at the following address: *Panstwowy Zaklad Ubezpieczen, ul. Traugutta 5, Warsaw, Poland.*

The Polish Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications has already approved designs for a new postage stamp set to be issued in commemoration of the centenary of Polish stamps, which anniversary also sparked the POLSKA '60 exhibition. They are expected to appear in March 1960, and details will appear in STAMPS' new issues department soon.

—H. L. LINDQUIST

Special Olympic Flight Austria to U. S. A.

A SPECIAL flight will take place from Vienna to the U.S.A. to transport the Austrian Olympic team to Squaw Valley, California, at the end of January or beginning of February for the Winter

E G Y P T

Special Price List for Individual Bars, Both 3 and 6

	3 Bar	6 Bar
29.....\$.15	30.....\$ 3.40	
33.....	15 34.....	7.00
35.....	1.10 37.....	1.00
38.....	3.50 39.....	2.25
41.....		2.40
50-59 cpl.		9.15
61-72.....		10.00
75-76.....		1.00
78-88.....		7.00
90-91.....		10.00
92-104.....		26.00
105-107.....		3.50
96a imperf.		9.00
108-113.....		10.00
114.....		9.00
115-117.....		1.00
118-120.....		1.60
125-127.....		2.25
128-149 exc. #137, 141		23.00
148-149 Hi Vals.		18.00
150-152.....		50
153-154.....		30
155-158.....		55
155a-158a.....		70.00
163-165.....		2.50
166.....		32.00
167.....		11.00
177-188.....		50.00
177-190 cpl.		2.00
193-199.....		3.00
200-204.....		80
205-207.....		70
208-216A.....		10
212b.....		25
216A.....		55
217-219.....		65
220-222.....		1.10
223.....		22.00
224.....		1.00
225-227.....		1.60
228-230.....		60
231-233.....		7.25
234-240 (9 vals.)		50
239 used .25 240 used.....		10
241.....		1.00
242-251.....		10
252, 253, 256.....		15
254-5.....		15
257.....		25
258-264.....		10
265, 266.....		1.50
267-269.....		10
270, 271, 272.....		45
273-277.....		1.00
278-279 Imperf. sheets.....		15
280.....		60
281-283 U.P.U.....		10
284, 290.....		40
285-287 Commems.....		5.00
289 Scarce stamp.....		50
291 Wedding.....		1.00
291a Souvenir sheet.....		40
292-294 Games.....		2.10
295 50 pi.....		35
296-298.....		1.00
298a Souvenir sheet.....		18.00
299-316 Scarce.....		12
317 Flag.....		50
317a Souvenir sheet.....		35
318-321.....		8.75
322-338 Cpl.....		10
326.....		2.20
342-344.....		9.75
345-360 cpl.....		

"Individual Prices for 3 and 6 Bars" With K. & E. S.

	3 Bar	6 Bar
#342 1m.....	\$ 2.00	\$2.00
#343 3m.....	10	2.00
#344 6m.....	10	2.00
#345 1m.....	10	1.00
#346 2m.....	10	2.00
#347 3m.....	10	2.00
#348 4m.....	20	3.00
#349 10m.....	10	2.00
#350 13m.....	20	2.00
#351 15m.....	20	2.00
#352 17m.....	20	2.00
#353 20m.....	20	2.00
#354 22m.....	30	2.00
#355 30m.....	30	4.00
40m, not listed.....	8.00	
#356 50m.....	50	15.00
#357 100m.....	75	11.50
#358 200m.....	1.50	10.00
#359 50pi.....	3.50	
#360 £1.....	4.25	
360a-364 cpl. 3 Bar.....	27.00	
#360a 1m.....	\$ 2.50	\$2.50
#360b 2m.....	15	2.00
#360c 3m.....	2.00	4.00
#360d 4m.....	2.00	3.00
#360e 6m.....	2.00	4.00
#361 10m.....	35	5.00
#362 13m.....	4.00	4.00
#362a 15m.....	4.00	11.00
#362b 17m.....	16.00	21.00
#362c 20m.....	6.00	11.00
#362d 22m.....	45	15.00
30m, not listed.....	6.00	
#363 40m.....	8.00	25.00
50m, not listed.....	80	8.00
100m, not listed.....		
#364 200m.....		
50pi & £1 when available.....	40.00	
365.....	10	
367-368.....	30	
369-372 toughies cpl.....	30	
373-374 good set.....	35	
375-377.....	35	
378-379.....	40	
381-383.....	40	
384-385.....	30	
386, 387.....	15	
388, 389.....	15	
390, 392.....	10	
391 Mothers Day, good stamp.....	15	
393 Canal reopening.....	50	
394.....	06	
395-397.....	25	
398, 399, 405.....	10	
400-404 aggressors.....	40	
406-407 Shawky.....	13	
408-409 Se-tenant.....	15	
410-412 Afro-Asian.....	20	
413-414.....	10	
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Mr. Dill states that up to the time of his writing (Dec. 29, 1959) definite decisions are not known, and especially if a special vignette for this mail will be asked as was done for the Austrian Olympic flight in 1956 for the trip from Vienna to Melbourne.

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Col. A. C. Townsend, famed philatelic personality of Chicago, and one of the long-time members of the *Chicago Philatelic Society*, now living in Florida, celebrated his 90th birthday on January 7, 1960, according to information we have from *W. Lee Fergus*. Long known to the philatelic fraternity as "Cap. Townsend," he is nevertheless an authentic Colonel from two world wars. He is a prolific philatelic sleuth, stamp writer, and postal historian, and his name is known wherever folks collect stamps and read philatelic journals. Recently *Elmer Stuart* and his wife *Shirley* visited in Florida and had a reunion with Col. Townsend and *Walter Emerson* at the latter's home in Lakeland. For many years *Walter* was the editor of the *C. P. S. News*, and presently edits the monthly journal of the *Florida Philatelic Federation*. The *Stuarts* live in Palatine, Illinois, where *Elmer* is president of the local historical society. He is historian and honorary member of C.P.S., is an authority on early U. S. issues, and is rated as Chicago's No. 1 stamp dealer.

Our thanks to the *Rev. Karl W. Scheufler* for another in the series of Lincoln cacheted covers which have been sponsored during the sesquicentennial year by the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Committee, appointed by the Governor of Ohio. This cover commemorates T. D. Jones, Columbus sculptor, leaving for Springfield, where Lincoln posed for the famous portrait bust now in Ohio's State House. The bust is reproduced in the cachet.

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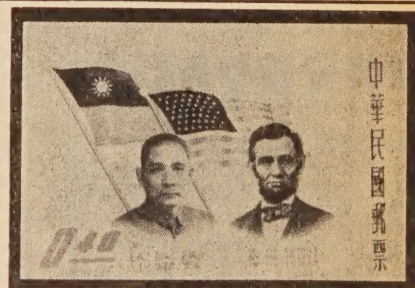
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Mary S. Phillips, of Belchertown, Mass., reports receiving cover on December 28, 1959, cancelled at the Antarctic Pole Station U.S.N. at 7:30 A.M., June 10, 1959.

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More on the question of what will happen to obsolete 3c commems now we have 4c basic rate. I said we might look at what happened when the rate went from 2-3c. A good friend (a dealer) reminds me that the situation is not quite comparable, for then the collector had not bought up many sheets (literally millions of stamps) "for investment" as is the case now. Not only now, but over the past decade, the market has been able to absorb the mint sheets offered for sale only at a discount—currently "begging at discounts of 7%" with some postage brokers offering only 90c on the dollar.

I'm glad to pass on this information and hope it will prevent some few, at least from making this same mistake as many are now putting sheets away "for investment." Their disappointment when they try to sell and are offered less than face value does our hobby no good.

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Two Sicilies collectors who might be interested in a plating project on #13 are invited to write to Richard J. W. Patterson, 14 DeForest Road, Newton Lower Falls, Mass.

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Soaking stamps in quantity is a problem; here's a suggestion from C. A. M.

First, as I suggested earlier, sort through to make sure no stamps with fugitive inks or runny-color papers; take out any real good ones, just to be safe.

Then soak in any appropriate pan; C. A. M. uses "Instant Off" added to water—see ads. He does not suggest a rinse-job, but I do; takes away glue and is often helpful.

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A Philatelic and Historical Study of U. S. Department Stamps

By ALFRED J. BARCAN

ANY discussion of U. S. Department Stamps must be preceded by some notes on free franking, for the benefit of any readers who might not be familiar with the provisions under which the privilege operated. The free frank was granted to certain governmental officials, permitting them to mail official matter without incurring personal expense. The course of development began on January 9, 1776. On this date, by act of the Second Continental Congress, all private soldiers in the service of the Continental Army were permitted to send and receive mail without charge. From this moment, Congress began to extend this privilege to numerous officials, departments, bureaus, including itself.

As time passed, this privilege became over-extended, both legally and illegally, to people in government and private individuals.

As early as 1834 President An-

drew Jackson criticized the free franking system and recommended revision of the law. Two years later Postmaster General Selah R. Hobbie stated that: "... those entitled did not hesitate to cover the correspondence of friends and neighbors with their franks ..."

President Zachary Taylor was apprehensive about the problem and said: "There is also too much reason to fear that the franking privilege has run into great abuse."

Postmaster General Charles A. Wickliffe furnishes us with a very colorful piece: "... people looked to the Capitol for their information, and it was poured out to them under the Congressional frank in copious but turbid streams, enveloped in the dark miasmatical fog of party spirit." Quoting further, it was suggested that such activity tended to prostrate the country press: "While the people could be supplied with an abundance of high spiced reading matter direct from the Capitol

during the leisure hours of winter, they would have little inclination to patronize their village paper."

Perhaps the most eloquent document is that written by Postmaster General Joseph Holt, who argued that the cost of carrying government mail should be defrayed from the national treasury.

In the years that followed it was alleged that such personal effects as laundry, furniture, safes, shovels, lottery circulars, business cards, were mailed postage free, under the protection of the free frank.

Finally, in the words of Postmaster General John A. J. Creswell: "The franking privilege has grown to be an abuse so monstrous, that it now threatens the very life of the service (P. O. Dept.) ... It is clear, therefore, that all special privileges, to whomsoever granted, at the expense of the postal system, are hostile to the established theory upon which that system was founded ... It (abuses) makes it (P. O.



The Patent Office, circa 1859. This building, in the 1870's, was the location of all bureaus of the Interior Department except the Bureau of Education, Survey of the Territories, and the Pension Bureau.

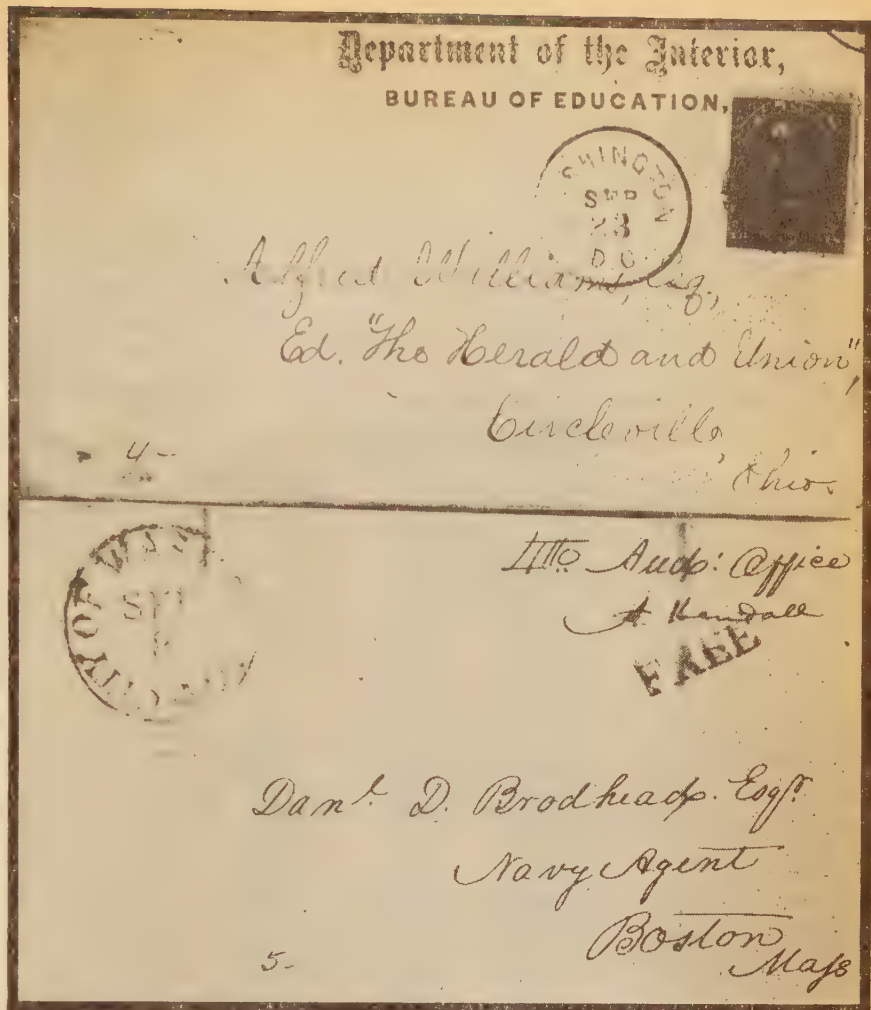
Dept.) the packhorse of every other branch of the public service . . . as hard, diligent, skillful the managers of the department work, there is the inevitable deficiency."

Congress was partially responsible for abuses, and it never relinquished its own franking privilege. However, due to public pressure and perhaps its disdain for the Executive branch (this was a period when both the Executive and Legislative branches were in a power struggle), Congress, on January 31, 1873, abolished the franking privilege of the Executive branch (i. e. various departments). This branch of the government was required to prepay postage on official mail, as would ordinary citizens. Annual Congressional appropriations were to be made to each department for this purpose. By taking this action it was thought that a better accounting of postage expense could be obtained.

By further act, on March 3, 1873, Congress authorized and directed the Postmaster General to "prepare or cause to be prepared special stamps" to be used in each of the Executive departments. These are a few of the salient historical facts obtained from an extensive research into the free franking privilege, its development, abuses, and abolition.

On April 4, 1873, acting upon the direction of Congress, the Postmaster General ordered the Continental Bank Note Company of New York City, the then current supplier of the general postage stamps, to engrave and furnish new designs, i. e., new dies, plates, and rolls for the new special or department stamps. These official stamps were in nine series, one for each executive dept. and consisted of a total of ninety-two denominations. Also included were the "double tinted" dollar values of the State Department. Furthermore, these stamps were required on July 1, 1873, allowing less than ninety days for producing them. My study has revealed the date they were ready for distribution, some interesting details of their manufacture, and a dispute between the government and the printers, over contract terms.

The annual Report of the Postmaster General, dated November 14, 1873, states: "The stamps and envelopes (Department stamps and envelopes) have been executed in the highest style of art, and will compare favorably with those of any other country. The stamps for the Departments other than the Post Office do not differ materially from



Upper photograph: the 3c Interior Department stamp, O17, on official Interior Department cover, showing corner card of the Bureau of Education, postmarked "Washington/Sep. 23/D.C. Below: Cover postmarked "City of Washington/Sep 8" (1832), stamped "FREE", showing use of the free frank, and signed by A. Kendall, Fourth Auditor's Office, Treasury Dept. (Photo by courtesy of John A. Fox, New York).

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Further work has been done on the general characteristics of the Department stamps, namely: origin of original art work used in the designs, common design features

Perhaps the most interesting find, in this study, was a resolution passed in Congress, which required all executive departments, except the Agriculture and Executive (Office of the President), to indicate

which bureaus and supervisors used the "special stamps". Furthermore, inquiry was made into the Departmental use of return postage, enclosed in letters replying to inquiries. For example, on January 13, 1874, the Interior department replied to this resolution. It set forth the various supervisors and offices that used the Interior Department stamps: and whether or not each bureau used official stamps for return postage.

Secretary's Office: stamps in the custody of the Superintendent of Documents who issues them on requisition of the Chief Clerk, then to the Chief Messenger, and finally to the clerk in charge of the document room who stamps letters. No stamps used for return postage.

Indian Affairs: used by officers of the bureau, 5 Indian Inspectors, 4 Superintendents, 77 Indian Agents, mail is stamped by a clerk in the Washington Office. In letters written to persons not connected with the Bureau, asking for information, it is customary to inclose official stamps for return postage.

Education: custody of the Chief Clerk.
When reply is important to the Bureau,
return postage is enclosed.

Patent Office: custody of Financial Clerk. In four instances it was necessary to enclose return postage.

General Land Office: custody of clerk in charge of stamps, who issues them to the Chief Messenger, who affixes them to correspondence. In the field, used 17 Surveyors-General, 90 Registers of the local land-offices, 90 Receivers of the local land-offices. In three cases, it was necessary to enclose official stamps for return postage.

Pension Office: custody of Deputy Commissioner of Pensions, who issues them to a clerk, who stamps mail. Also used by 1,440 Examining Surgeons for payment of postage for Certificates of Examination of pensioners. It is the custom to enclose official stamps for return postage.

Census: custody of the Acting Superintendent of the Census. No return postage enclosed.

National Museum: custody of the Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. No return postage enclosed.

The period of official stamp use (1873-84), under the administrations of Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes and James A. Garfield, was quite interesting. The Interior Department, my example in this article, was concerned with domestic affairs. Its bureau of Indian Affairs sought to place the roving

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The Interior Department, through the Pension Office, supervised the paying of numerous pensions to survivors and widows of the Civil War, the War of 1812, and in the year 1874 to 410 widows of soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War.

The Education Bureau, was primarily concerned with the collection and dissemination of information concerning the various systems and methods of education. In 1878 there were 21,000 letters to and from the bureau, with 15,000 packages of documents sent to interested organizations and individuals.

Finally, the Census Bureau was responsible for the taking of a census every five years, and publishing the *Statistical Atlas of the U. S.* This volume was a compilation of various statistics pertaining to population, manufacturing, agriculture, etc. In 1881, as a result of the

census of 1880, it was learned that the population of the U. S. had increased by 30 percent over 1870.

Thus, by examining the responsibilities of the various bureaus in a particular department, the reader can visualize the nature of their correspondence. Perhaps a 15c Interior was used, on a registered letter, containing patent documents, to a successful patent applicant. It is possible, that a 6c Interior, was used on a double weight letter, containing pension applications. Again a 3c Interior might have been used in a letter to an isolated Indian Agent, instructing him on the latest govern-

ment Indian policy. The possibilities for imagination are almost endless.

A student of department stamps can enrich his interest twofold; first by a philatelic inquiry into the fascinating nature of the stamps themselves; and secondly, by an appreciation of the historical background of their use.

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The Olympic Winter Games are held every four years. The third was held February 4-13, 1932, at Lake Placid, New York, and the United States issued a 2-cent commemorative stamp marking the occasion.

JEFFERSON CREDO STAMP

The 4-cent Thomas Jefferson "Credo" stamp, previously announced for issuance this year or early in 1961, will feature the statement by the third President, "I have sworn . . . eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

MASARYK STAMP

Colors for the forthcoming Thomas G. Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" stamps, to be first placed on sale at Washington, D. C., on March 7, 1960, have now been announced. The 4-cent stamp will be printed in blue on the Cottrell presses and issued in panes of 70, electric-eye perforated, and the 8-cent denomination will be produced in panes of 72 on the Giori presses in yellow, blue and red.

INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE STAMP

POSTPONED

The organization of American States has announced that the Inter-American Conference previously scheduled for February 1, 1960, in Quito, Ecuador, has been postponed. The Post Office Department will defer issuance of the commemorative stamp honoring this event until the Conference is held. Collectors are requested to wait until a definite date of issue is announced before sending requests for First-Day covers.

SLOGAN CANCELLATION

A special slogan cancellation has been authorized for use at New Bern, North Carolina, from January 1 through June 1960, reading "250th Anniversary New Bern June 1960." Collectors may secure examples by sending stamped, addressed envelopes to the Postmaster, New Bern, North Carolina.

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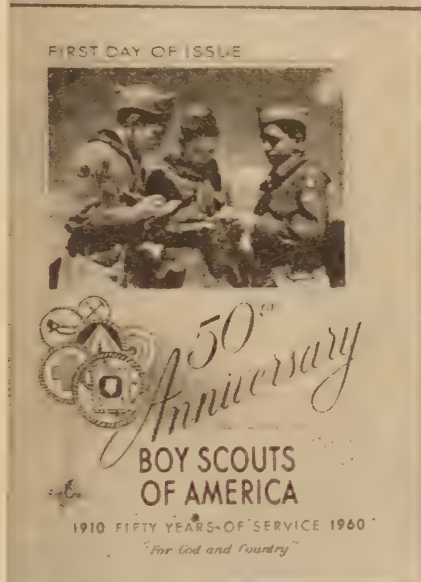
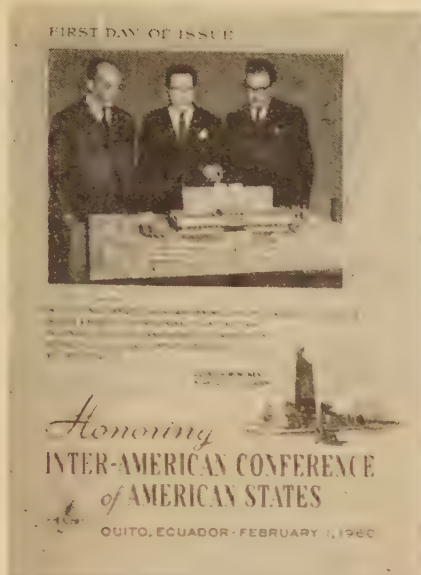
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Top portion of New Zealand Red Cross stamp sheet showing the varieties discussed in the accompanying report from Colin McNaught.

NEW ZEALAND NOTES

By COLIN McNAUGHT

P. O. Box 166, Wellington, C. I., New Zealand

ON PAGE 482 of STAMPS for December 19, 1959, I made reference to the finding of a sheet of the New Zealand Red Cross stamps with one row showing the Red Cross completely missing, and the next row having the Red Cross blurred and partly missing on some of the stamps. We are now able to show readers a photograph of the top portion of the sheet where these varieties occur.

Exhaustive searches of stocks throughout the country while this stamp was on sale, considerable press publicity, and a keen search by collectors and post office personnel, have failed to turn up even one used copy of these varieties. As this is written (November 30, 1959), the stamps have been obsolete about four months, and it would appear that the

six copies found and returned to the Post Office Department at Wellington and the three other sheets showing six copies of the variety on each, represent the total known.

Interest in these stamps has been exceptionally keen throughout New Zealand, and dozens of inquiries are being received from abroad concerning them. The sheet found at Putaruru was acquired by a Wellington, New Zealand, buyer against keen competition, and it seems apparent that the variety will have much interest for British Commonwealth collectors.

It is understood that the first copy of the variety to appear on the market will be at an H. R. Harmer London auction, to be held soon, and it will be interesting to see at what price it will be sold.

It has received more publicity than any other New Zealand variety has ever had. The holder has had many offers to purchase the lot intact, but has decided to break up the sheet in order to allow as many collectors as possible to acquire a copy.

New Zealand Slogan Postmark Catalog

SLOGAN postmark specialists should be pleased with Volume II of the *Postal History Catalogue of New Zealand*, published by Laurie Franks, 567 Barbadoes St., Christchurch, N. Z., in an edition printed by duplicator, priced at \$1.25.

Arranged in alphabetical order, the slogan postmarks are reproduced to illustrate the reference number, approximate date of introduction, names of towns in which they were used, and the prices given for each item listed in the catalog. The brochure also contains a short history of slogan and cancellation machines in New Zealand by R. M. Startup, suggestions on the use of the catalog and mounting slogan collections, a list of post offices using machine cancellations, and other miscellaneous information of interest.

Items listed in the catalog may be ordered from the publisher.

William L. Reaugh

rites for William L. Reaugh, 54, superintendent of schools in the Riverdale-Dolton district of the Chicago area, were held December 28, 1959. Mr. Reaugh died on December 24th in St. Francis hospital, Blue Island, Illinois.

Mr. Reaugh was a stamp collector and a member of the American Philatelic Society.

He is survived by his widow, Irene, and two sons, William R. and John.

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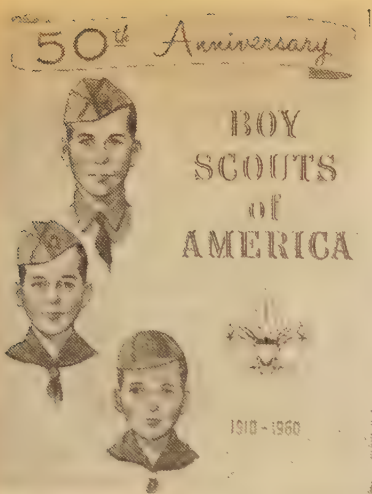
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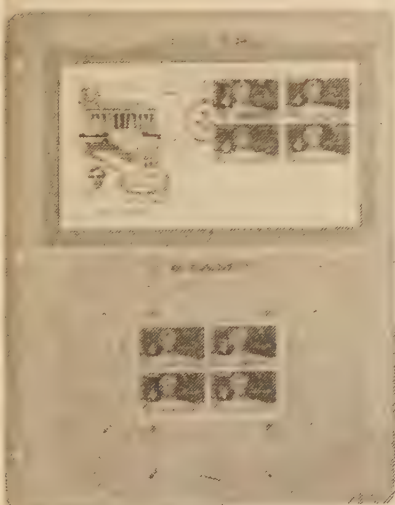
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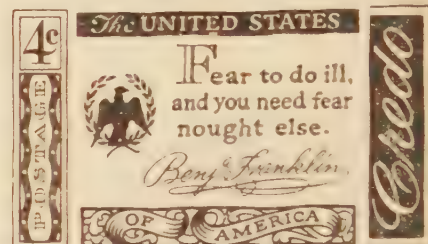
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Franklin Credo Stamp Design Announced

THE second of the American "Credo" stamps, featuring Benjamin Franklin's notable statement, "Fear to do ill, and you need fear nought else," will be first placed on sale in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on March 23, 1960.

Postmaster General Summerfield, in announcing this second stamp in a series of six, expressed his satisfaction in the fact that Franklin, so closely identified with the Post Office Department and one of the sages of all Americans, should be second only to George Washington in the chronological issuance of this series. Other notable Americans to be represented will be Thomas Jefferson, Francis Scott Key, Patrick Henry and Abraham Lincoln.



Design of Franklin Credo Stamp

The Franklin "Credo" design will essentially be the same as that already announced for Washington, which is to be first placed on sale January 20, 1960, at Mount Vernon, Virginia. The message, a facsimile of Franklin's autograph and a new symbolic device—a dove within an olive wreath—will be featured in the center.

Frank P. Conley, previously responsible for the 3-cent James Monroe Bicentennial commemorative of 1958, prepared the basic design for all six "Credo" stamps. Each carries a message in a manner and design of style and type used in our Colonial currency. In the case of the Franklin "Credo" the denomination in the upper left corner will be in solid rather than open type.

Printing of this second "Credo" stamp will be in brown and green on white, on the Giori press. The initial printing order calls for 120 million stamps, to be released in panes of fifty, with L-type perforations.

Collectors desiring first-day cancellations may send addressed envelopes, together with remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed, to the Postmaster, Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania. A close fitting enclosure of postal card thickness should be placed in each envelope and the flap either turned in or sealed.

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A Philatelic Incident in President Eisenhower's Trip to India

SHRI RAM RAO, historical records collector of Raichur, presented a revenue hand-stamped paper of the State of Sarkar Mudgal, and a victory stamp of Raichur occupation of Hyderabad to U. S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, through the U. S. Embassy, during the President's visit to India. In a letter which accompanied the gift, Ram Rao wrote:

"It is a great pleasure that your Honour has been so kind as to pay a visit to our country, and in commemoration of this important and happy event, I have the honour to present for the American Museum a very rare and unique Royal hand-stamped revenue paper of the Omitted State, Sarkar Mudgal, denomination four annas, and a family reunion Hyderabad victory commemorative postage stamp, denomination one anna, issued under the authority of Lieut. Colonel C. E. James, member of the British Empire, commanding the 5/5th Royal Gurkha Rifles Frontier Force, also Raichur occupation stamps with his autograph instead of being surcharged with the military administration overprint.

"The Commander in Chief of India, New Delhi, has also agreed to display the photo of these stamps, along with an article concerning historical affairs of India, recorded philatelically in the Indian Army Museum, New Delhi.

"These stamps are of high historic importance. It is my humble request and heartfelt desire that your honour will kindly accept my poor presentation."

The article referred to is one by Ram Rao which appeared in STAMPS of July 11, 1953, entitled, "Historic Affairs of India Recorded Philatelically," and which is concerned with the incidents to which the presentation items were related.

In acknowledgment of the gift, Ram Rao received the following letter from W. K. Bunce, Counselor for Public Affairs, American Embassy, New Delhi:

"Dear Mr. Rao: On behalf of President Eisenhower, representing the people of America, may I thank you most sincerely for your thoughtful gift of the following to him on the occasion of his recent visit to India. I know that he will value and appreciate them.

"May I also express our heartfelt gratitude to you personally and to millions of other Indians for your cordial and exceptionally friendly reception to a man who, for us is a symbol of peace." (This was followed by a listing of the items received.)

F.D.C. Catalog of New Zealand, Australia and Pacific Islands

OF interest to both first day cover specialists and New Zealand, Australian and Pacific Island collectors is the twenty-four page catalog called *The Tasman First Day Cover Catalogue of New Zealand, Australia & Pacific Islands*, com-

piled by Laurie Franks and published by the Tasman Stamp Enterprises.

The book lists in different sections, in chronological order, the stamps for which first day covers were made, for the years 1936-1958. Most of the volume is, of course, devoted to New Zealand and Australian issues but also included are New Zealand officials and life insurance stamps, and issues from such places as Ross Dependency and the islands of Fiji, Cook, Niue, Solomons, Tonga and Papua, among others.

Amplly illustrated, the catalog is available at 25c from Laurie Franks, 567 Barbadoes St., Christchurch, N. Z.

INTERPEX 1960

THE second annual exhibition known as INTERPEX will take place in New York March 25-27, 1960, under the sponsorship of Industrial Exhibitions, Inc., of which Herbert Rosen is president.

The success of last year's show has resulted in this year's event being greatly expanded, and the entire second floor of the Trade Show Building, 35th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York, has been reserved.

Leading stamp clubs of the New York area are planning to participate, including the Collectors Club, which has announced through its president, H. D. S. Haverbeck, that the choicest material from the collections of the fifteen governors of the Club will be displayed by invitation in thirty frames. Some of the clubs will hold meetings at the site as well as exhibiting the most striking collections of their respective members on a competitive basis. In addition, a special section will once again be devoted to famous prize-winning collections of prominent personalities.

Several foreign countries will participate with an exhibit of stamps as well as colorful displays pointing up their culture and other aspects of their life and history. Leading airlines are arranging special flights to and from INTERPEX with commemorative covers, Mr. Rosen advises.

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Coming Events

Jan. 15—Skandia Philatelic Friends meeting at the Irvington Community Building, 1143 Clinton Ave., Irvington, N. J., at 7:00 P.M. *J. Sabo* will speak and show slides on Israel. Guests welcome.

Jan. 18—Phoenix Philatelic Association will hold Auction Night at Cafeteria Building, Osborn School, Osborn Rd. and North Central, Phoenix, Ariz., at 8:00 P.M.

Jan. 18—Israel Stamp Society of Philadelphia will hold its 10th annual banquet at 6:30 P.M., at The Blintza, Broad and Spruce Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. *Herman Rudenstein* will be main speaker. A film will also be shown.

Jan. 19—Reading Stamp Collectors Club, 300 N. Sixth St., Reading, Pa., will hold elections.

Jan. 19—The Long Island Chapter of the Vatican Philatelic Society will meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 123-08 Jamaica Ave., Richmond Hill, N. Y., at 8:30 P.M. Interested collectors invited.

Jan. 20—The Evanston-New Trier Philatelic Society will meet in the Foster Community Building, Evanston, Ill., at 8:00 P.M. *Larry M. Edmunds*, president of the S.P.A., will be guest speaker. All stamp collectors welcome.

Jan. 25—American Metered Postage Society will hold its "Eighth Anniversary Meeting" at the Hotel Schroeder, Milwaukee, Wis. Souvenir cachet covers may be ordered before Jan. 22, at the cost of 10c each, from *Henry O. Meisel, president, American Metered Postage Society, Clintonville, Wis.*

Jan. 25—The Johnstown Stamp Club will view the U.S.P.O. Department film, "The Saint Lawrence Seaway," at their meeting at 8:00 P.M. An auction will also be part of the evening's program. Further information may be had from *Homer L. Jones, secretary, Weedie Acres, R.25-2 Derby St., Johnstown, Pa.*

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Jan. 28 — Women's Philatelic Society of New York will meet at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Seventh Ave. and 33rd St., New York City, at 8:00 P.M. *Miss Ethel Armstrong* will speak on her African trip. Visitors invited.

Miscellaneous Club News

The Keystone Stamp Club meets every Friday at the Central Y.M.C.A., 1421 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa., from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. Further information on the club and its activities may be had by writing to *A. J. Zeppacosta*, membership director, 1240 *Gerritt St.*, Philadelphia 47, Pa.

The Santa Monica Stamp Club meets every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rustic Canyon Play Ground, 601 *Latimer Rd.*, Santa Monica, Calif.,

at 8:00 P.M. Meeting programs feature trading, circuit books, discussions and speakers. Visitors welcome. Further information on club is available from *R. Wallace Smith*, secretary, 731 *Almar Ave.*, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

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Administration announced on January 6th.

The 4c, blue with red border; and 8c,
brown with green border, were designed by
H. Woyty-Wimmer, of Thomas De La
Rue, London, England, which firm is
also doing the printing by steel engrav-
ing. The quantities are three million
for the 4c and 2,750,000 for the 8c,
these being considerably smaller printings
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The stamps are in sheets of 50, with
marginal inscriptions appearing twice at
the top and twice at the bottom of each
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or certified check. Postage stamps or
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stamps to be affixed should be clearly
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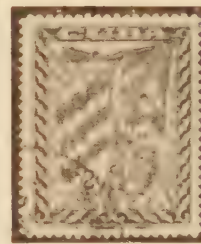
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Nuclear Submarine Sargo Covers

(Editor's Note: The notice below was received from the Post Office Department two days before this issue of STAMPS went to press. The deadline date given for covers of course makes it impossible for collectors to get the covers to San Francisco in time, and we phoned Washington to see if a later date could be named. We were advised that this is a Navy project, that the Post Office Department had already realized the deadline date was too soon for collectors to get the news in time, except where seen in a daily newspaper, but that they were unable to do anything about it. The notice was sent out despite this as they could not refuse to cooperate with the Navy Department. We are printing it for the record, also realizing the futility of it for any other purpose. Please do not write to us about it, as there is nothing further we could or can do about it.)

TO commemorate the projected under-ice cruise of the nuclear submarine USS SARGO into the Bering and Chukchi Seas an official United States Navy Post Office Branch has been established aboard the SARGO. Individuals desiring to have letters cancelled by SARGO while under the ice are advised of the following information:

Space limitations aboard the submarine require limiting the number of covers to one person.

Each envelope submitted for cancellation aboard the SARGO must be addressed and stamped with sufficient U. S. postage to pre-pay its return to the addressee.

The sender's name and return address must also appear on the outside envelope, which should be addressed to USS SARGO (SS(N) 583), Philatelic Mail Care of Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

The deadline for receipt of Philatelic Mail is January 15, 1960.

Letters will be accepted for embarkation on the SARGO as received; however, the space available aboard the submarine restricts the total number of letters that can be carried. It is, therefore, necessary to emphasize that letters will be serviced on a first come basis and there can be no assurance to anyone that any particular letter submitted will be carried aboard the SARGO.

Any envelopes which, for reasons of space limitation, cannot be carried on the SARGO, will be returned to senders.

STAMPS ★ January 16, 1960

MEXICO—1960

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Scott	Mint	Used	Scott	Mint	Used	Scott	Mint	Used	Scott	Mint	Used	Scott	Mint	Used
1.....	\$1.50	243	10	423	06	06	576	06	06	725	05	05	05	05
2.....	50	244	06	124	08	08	577	08	08	726	06	06	06	06
3.....	40	246	50	125	15	15	577a	08	08	727	10	10	10	10
7.....	65	248	20	126	15	15	578	08	08	728	08	08	08	08
8.....	40	249	2 50	127	05	05	579	08	08	734	12	12	12	12
14a.....	10	251	75	20	428	10	10	580	12	12	737	06	06	06
15a.....	12	257	09	429	12	12	582	05	05	738	03	03	03	03
16a.....	10	258	15	430	20	20	583	10	10	739	1 00	45	45	45
17a.....	50	259	15	431	30	30	584	12	12	740	25	20	20	20
20b.....	1.75	260	15	432	75	60	586	05	06	743	50	02	02	02
21.....	1.00	261	06	433	1 35	587	65	744	50	50	745	50	50	50
23.....	75	279	10	434	15	588	20	20	746	08	03	03	03	03
23b.....	50	281	06	435	15	589	15	15	747	06	03	03	03	03
24.....	3.75	282	10	438	15	591	45	748	18	18	749	15	15	15
24a.....	2 00	285	1 50	452	2 00	592	45	749	15	15	750	05	03	03
31a.....	1.25	286	20	455	20	593	30	750	05	05	751	15	15	15
32.....	1.25	287	20	456	12	12	594	30	751	15	15	15	15	15
32a.....	25	288	1 00	457	12	595	30	752	03	03	753	03	03	03
33.....	1.00	295	22	459	40	596	30	753	03	03	754	20	20	20
33a.....	25	298	12	461	25	597	20	754	20	20	755	03	03	03
36.....	1.75	299	45	463	65	75	598	20	755	03	03	03	03	03
300	65	10	464	90	1 00	599	20	756	05	05	760	25	25	25
301	3.00	25	482	2 50	600	20	15	761	18	06	762	06	03	03
302	3.75	45	484	15	15	601	25	760	18	06	763	45	25	25
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306	12	486	15	15	603	15	763	45	25	764	25	25	25	25
309	40	487	30	608	10	06	764	25	25	765	50	45	45	45
37.....	1 00	312	10	488	08	08	609	30	765	50	45	45	45	45
44.....	1 50	313	18	491	30	612	12	09	766	25	15	15	15	15
58.....	2 00	316	10	500	05	05	613	15	05	767	65	15	15	15
59.....	25	317	50	501	06	06	614	22	03	768	22	18	18	18
61.....	22	318	75	502	08	08	614a	65	04	769	22	18	18	18
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105.....	2 00	323	1 75	506	06	06	619	75	775	45	22	22	22	22
106.....	25	328	3 50	507	06	06	621	15	08	776	45	15	15	15
107.....	18	341	35	508	06	06	622	25	81	15	15	15	15	15
107a.....	40	344	60	509	08	08	623	3 00	20	782	15	06	06	06
108.....	18	346	60	510	10	10	624	18	783	40	22	22	22	22
109.....	10	347a	1 00	511	10	08	625	12	791	06	05	05	05	05
109b.....	50	348a	2 00	512	20	15	628	2 25	1 25	792	04	03	03	03
110.....	1 50	349	20	513	20	12	632	75	20	793	18	15	15	15
111.....	1 50	349a	25	514	2 25	1 50	633	4 00	4 00	794	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
118.....	30	350	1 00	503	25Im. pr.	637	38	04	795	1 75	1 75	1 75	1 75	1 75
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120.....	20	356	1 50	642	50	50	802	22	18	803	1 00	75	75	75
120b.....	20	357	75	643	12	04	803	1 00	75	804	05	03	03	03
123.....	50	358	06	645	50	50	805	05	03	806	08	08	08	08
124.....	50	359	12	646	08	05	806	08	08	807	05	04	04	04
125.....	25	360	25	647	10	05	807	05	04	808	04	03	03	03
126.....	25	369	05	648	15	05	808	04	03	809	18	15	15	15
127.....	1.75	369a	20	649	20	06	809	18	15	810	80	75	75	75
127a.....	65	370	15	652	1 50	75	810	80	75	811	1 75	15	15	15
128a.....	50	371	15	653	25	25	811	1 75	15	812	05	04	04	04
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130a.....	1 00	373	25	655	35	35	813	08	06	814	06	05	05	05
133.....	75	374	10	656	20	18	814	06	05	815	04	03	03	03
133a.....	25	375	25	657	22	15	815	04	03	816	20	18	18	18
134a.....	30	377	50	659	15	15	862	40	35	816	20	18	18	18
135.....	1.75	381	50	660	12	12	663	65	40	817	1 25	65	65	65
135a.....	25	382	50	661	1 10	60	864	1 10	60	818	2 50	1 75	1 75	1 75
136.....	75	383	50	662	3 50	1 75	820	03	03	819	03	03	03	03
136a.....	65	384	50	663	03	03	821	04	04	820	03	03	03	03
137.....	90	385	50	664	35	35	822	15	15	821	04	04	04	04
137b.....	25	386	10	665	35	35	823	40	25	822	15	15	15	15
138a.....	20	387	10	666	35	35	824	04	03	823	40	25	25	25
140.....	1 00	388	10	667	50	40	825	1 00	1 00	824	04	03	03	03
153.....	18	389	10	668	1 10	1 10	826	3 20	2 00	825	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
154.....	18	390	10	669	1 3	1 3	827	03	02	826	3 20	2 00	2 00	2 00
155.....	22	391	10	670	1 75	1 75	828	03	02	827	03	02	02	02
156.....	08	393	1 10	671	50	50	829	03	02	828	03	02	02	02
157.....	40	394	08	672	30	15	830	03	02	829	03	02	02	02
158.....	15	395	10	673	50	50	831	03	02	830	03	02	02	02
159.....	25	396	08	674	05	05	832	03	02	831	03	02	02	02
160.....	10	398	12	675	10	10	833	04	03	832	03	03	03	03
161.....	10	399	1 10	676	01	03	834	06	05	833	04	03	03	03
162.....	12	400	20	677	01	03	835	18	18	834	06	05	05	05
171.....	12	401	12	678	01	03	836	80	65	835	18	18	18	18
170.....	50	403	15	679	01	03	837	80	65	836	80	65	65	65
172.....	42	404	15	680	01	03	838	25	04	837	12	03	03	03
176.....	65	406	08	681	01	03	839	03	02	838	25	04	04	04
184.....	06	407	12	682	01	03	840	03	02	839	12	03	03	03
186.....	10	408	05	683	01	03	841	03	02	840	03	02	02	02
212.....	06	410	25	684	01	03	842	03	02	841	03	02	02	02
213.....	12	411	08	685	01	03	843	03	02	842	03	02	02	02
214.....	10	412	20	686	01	03	844	03	02	843	03	02	02	02
215.....	08	413	30	687	01	03	845	03	02	844	03	02	02	02
216.....	06	413a	05	688	01	03	846	03	02	845	03	02	02	02
217.....	12	414	12	689	01	03	847	03	02	846	03	02	02	02
218.....	05	415	18	690	01	03	848	03	02	847	03	02	02	02
219.....	1 50	416	35	691	01	03	849	03	02	848	03	02	02	02
220.....	25	417	1 75	692	01	03	850	03	02	849	20	12	12	12
221.....	32	418	09	693	01	03	851	03	02	850	03	02	02	02
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TIPOFF

FRENCH COLONIES—Scott's #C32, issued in 1954 for the Camerouns, and stamps of other colonies to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Allied invasion of Europe in 1944, are on the rise. Prices in France are going up from month to month and hardly any large stocks exist. U.S.A. dealers are having a hard time finding replacements for their stocks, and the catalog value of 35c will soon have to be altered. This series of airmail stamps appeals to many collectors for several reasons, and therefore I am picking this attractive issue as this week's TIPOFF. This commemorative will always be a good seller and is bound to cost much more in time.

ITALY—Although there are large enough quantities to last for some time of Scott's #752-3, commemorating the centenary of the stamps of Naples, and Scott's #763-4, commemorating the centenary of the stamps of Sicily, these stamps (including blocks of four) should be bought now while they are still selling for the normal new issue rate. Both of these sets will follow the rising trend of all the other Italian commemoratives.

Another very recent set which should also be bought is Scott's #768-9, which publicizes the cultural ties between Rome and Paris, and is very popular with French and Italian collectors.

Still another issue from this country not to be forgotten is Scott's #C136, commemorating the Italian President's visit to the United States and Canada in 1956. How about a flight cover of this short-lived commemorative, which already commands quite a premium over face value?

MONACO—The year 1960 being an Olympic Games year, many new issues can be expected to commemorate this popular event. The ranks of Olympics and sports topical collectors are constantly being added to by the scores, and they will not only go in for the 1960 issues, but



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will be trying to pick up some of the older issues, such as Scott's #295-300, plus C36-39. In France this set went up considerably during the past few months, while here in the U.S.A. dealers are still selling at the same price as previously. But, when dealers here have to replace they will have to pay more and will have to pass on the increase when selling. So, as the prices here remain at far below the European level, better buy now before the inevitable price rise catches up with you. Be sure that this attractive set is in your Monaco or Sports collection because it probably will not be too long before it will cost considerably more.

PORTUGUESE INDIA—Scott's #570-590, the 1959 provisional issue, is already obsolete, and being replaced with a new coin set. This emergency issue was mentioned here a few months ago, but in case any of you who read this are interested in this field of the hobby and haven't bought this set yet, I want to caution you to buy now; it might cost you a lot more in a very short time.

NEWFOUNDLAND—This former British Dominion, although rather quiet in philatelic circles, is still collected by many people in the States and Canada, and has a number of promising opportunities. Among them is Scott's #C18, the 1933 Balbo Flight, with an issue of 8,000 copies. This stamp has been "kicked around" for quite some time at the ridicu-

lously low price of \$21.50, and the time to buy it is right now. I don't know what kind of copies one can get for this price, but most of the stamps come with very good centering. Scott's #C12, the 1932 DO-X Airmail stamp of 1932, also with an issue of 8,000, is doing slightly better at the asking price of \$26.00 per copy. Both of these stamps are worth more than their current selling price and anyone interested in buying them should bear this fact in mind.

MALTA—Although printed at the time of issue in the large quantity of almost a half million sets, stocks of Scott's #243-5, commemorating the centenary of the promulgation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, have finally started to dwindle. There are still enough around to meet the present demand, but one of these days the few hundred unused sets will be gone. The present retail price will have to go up as soon as replacements from Great Britain are brought in, as almost three times the face value is asked there.

AUSTRALIA—Scott's #M1-7, the 1946-47 BCOF issue, issued and overprinted for the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces stationed in Japan, is still offered at low prices here in the States, although any forthcoming offers from the British Isles are almost as high as the retail price for the set here. At present, the retail prices vary from \$6.50 to \$7.00, and a rise in our market is overdue. I

do not know how many of these sets for the above quoted prices are available, but I know that U.S.A. dealers quoting this price sometimes include #M7 on thin paper, which is still worth much more than a copy on ordinary thick paper.

FRENCH WEST AFRICA—With all the many changes taking place in Africa, and with so many colonies obtaining their independence, many collectors are trying to complete some of the so-called "easy" colonies of the French Empire. It is not too easy to find Scott's #1-14, the provisional set of 1943. This set does not catalog for too much, despite this, but it is only a question of time before it will go up in price.

GUINEA—Thousands of collectors have started to collect the stamps of this new African republic and many of them may have overlooked the two overprints of early 1959. Scott does not list them, and to the knowledge of many they were found on commercial mail. Regardless of their lack of status in the catalog, they should be included into your collection now while the set of two sells for only \$1.00. One hundred thousand pairs were issued, but with the large European following this country has, the supply here in the States will not last forever.

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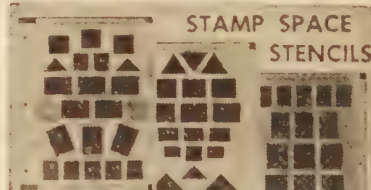
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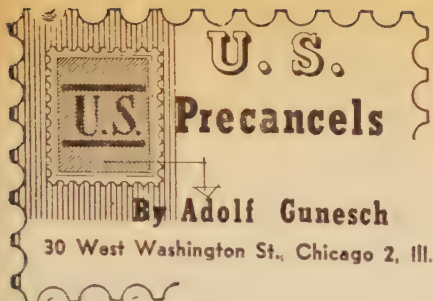
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never been able to figure out. Probably for the same reason that Chicago and New York did not: official inertia; they just did not get around to ordering them. Minneapolis, like New York, has since made up for it, using all values on the Small Old Styles, including the 6c coil and most of the Presidentials.

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ARGENTINA—A five-value, semi-postal "Pro-Children" set was issued January 9, 1960. The set, featuring birds designed by Horacio Alvarez Boero, consists of the following values, designs and colors: 20c+10c, condor (vultur gryphus), blue; 50c+20c, tijereta (musci-vora tyrannus), purple; m\$ñ 1.00+50c, carpintero (procrantor magellanicus), reddish-brown; m\$ñ 2.00+m\$ñ 1.00, perdiz (rhynchotus rufescens), red; m\$ñ 3.00+m\$ñ 1.50, nandu (rhea americana), green. The set was lithographed in sheets of 100, in an edition of 500,000 of each value.

—Ministry of Communications

AUSTRALIA—The designs of the definitive stamps, issued for the Australian Antarctic Territory on December 16, 1959, as reported in our January 2nd issue, are as follows: 5d., Edgeworth David, Douglas Mawson and A. E. McKay, first men to reach the South Magnetic

Pole; 8d., A.N.A.R.E. weasel and team, and map of Antarctic Continent; 1/-, sled and dog team with iceberg in background; 2/3d., Emperor penguins and map of Antarctic Continent.

A 1/6d. stamp depicting Christmas Bells (Blandfordia Grandiflora) will be issued February 3, 1960, to replace the 1/6d. Hermes and Globe stamp which has been current since 1949. The stamp, designed by Margaret Storer, will be printed in red on maize colored paper.

A stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Girl Guide Movement will be issued during 1960.

—Australian News & Information Bureau

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Gen. Franca also informs us that a Cr.\$2.50 stamp, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the virus (Schistosoma Mansoni) by Dr. Piraja Da Silva, was scheduled for release December 28, 1959, as forecast in our December 12th issue. The violet stamp was designed by Waldemiro Puntar, engraved by Gildasio de Ferreira, and printed by rotogravure on paper watermarked "Brasil-star-Correio," in sheets of fifty, in an edition of five million.

CHINA (FORMOSA)—Our thanks to S. Y. Ma, *Durnin Sia*, and the *Taiwan Philatelic Society*, Taiwan, for first day covers of the NT\$0.40 and NT\$3.00 values of the "Leaders of Democracy" set, showing portraits of Abraham Lincoln and Sun Yat-sen, issued December 25, 1959, as forecast in our December 19th issue.

CUBA—Our thanks to *Emilio Seoane, Jr.*, Havana, for copies and first day covers of the following stamps: 2c+1c red, semi-postal triangular stamps issued September 22, 1959, as forecast in our September 19th issue, honoring war victims; the 4c (brown) and 12c (green) airmails honoring the "Pro-Arte" Society, issued November 11, 1959, as forecast in our September 19th issue; the 12c stamps overprinted "Convencion / ASTA / Octobre 17, 1959," issued October 17, 1959, in honor of the opening of the American Society of Travel Agents Convention in Havana, as forecast in our November 14th issue; 12c and 30c airmails issued April 24, 1959, in honor of the National Philatelic Exhibition; and the 4c value issued in honor of Gen. Adolfo Flor Crombet, released March 18, 1959, as reported in our March 28th issue.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—We are indebted to *Artia* for copies and first day covers of the six-value set honoring radio pioneers issued December 7, 1959, as reported in our January 2nd issue. The stamps, designed by Cyril Bouda, were printed by rotary recess print combined with photogravure by the Post Printing Office in Prague in sheets of fifty. The values, colors and engravers of the stamps are as follows: 25h., red and black, Jaroslav Goldschmied; 30h., black and light brown, Ladislav Jirka; 35h., black and violet, Bedrich Housa; 60h., black and blue, Jan Mracek; 1 Kcs., black and green, Bohdan Roule; 2 Kcs., black and yellowish-brown, Jindra Schmidt.

FINLAND—Our thanks to *S. Antila*, Tampere, for a first day cover of the 30 marks commemorative, honoring the six new towns founded in 1960, issued January 2, 1960, as forecast in our December 5th issue.

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art by Soviet troops in 1958, was scheduled for issue December 29, 1959. The set depicting several ancient works of art is of the following values, colors and designs: 5 Pf., yellow and black, head of an African goddess; 10 Pf., green and black, head of a princess of Tel el-Amarna; 20 Pf., red and black, bronze figure found in Toprak-Kale; 25 Pf., blue and black, altar of Pergamon. The stamps, designed by Klaus Wittkugel, were printed by two-color offset by the VEB Deutsche Wertpapierdruckerei in Leipzig, on "cross flowers" watermarked paper.

—Fritz Barz

GREENLAND—Our thanks to *Fyens Frimaerkehandel*, Odense, for a first day cover of the 30ore, red stamp of King Frederik IX, issued October 29, 1959, as forecast in our September 26th issue.

HUNGARY—Our thanks to the *Ministry of Posts* for copies and a first day cover of the 60f. and 1 Ft. values of the set issued November 30, 1959, honoring the Seventh Congress of the Hungarian Socialist "Munkaspart."

INDIA—A 15 nP stamp commemorating the World Agricultural Fair held in New Delhi was issued December 30, 1959. The gray stamp, designed by staff artists at the India Security Press, was printed by photogravure on multiple Ashoka Capitol watermarked paper in sheets of thirty-five at the Security Press. Our thanks to *Dhirubhai Mehta, H. V. Kapadia* and *S. Sohan Singh Chowdhry* for the information and first day covers.

ITALY—*Pierson Ostrow* advises that an unusual feature of the 15 lire stamp, issued December 20, 1959, in honor of National Stamp Day, reported in our January 9th issue, is that the design contained the cancellation, "Giornata del Francobollo / 20 Dic. / 1959 / 8-9" on the reproduction of the 35 lire Coin stamp depicted on the issue. Thus, used stamps of this issue will contain a double cancellation on a "stamp-on-stamp" design.

JAPAN—A 10-yen stamp commemorating the completion of the Ozaki Me-

morial Hall will be released February 25, 1960. The memorial is dedicated to Yukio Ozaki, a leader of the parliamentary government movement in Japan. The design will depict a portrait of Ozaki and the triangular clock tower of the memorial. Hideo Hasebe designed the stamp which was printed by photogravure on white, unwatermarked paper in sheets of twenty, in an edition of eight million. Our thanks to the *Ministry of PTT* and *William J. Ross*, Tokyo, for the information.

KOREA—Our thanks to the *Ministry of Communications, William J. Rhee*, and the *World Stamp Co.*, Seoul, for information, first day covers, and copies of the 40-Hwan, brown and blue stamp, issued January 1, 1960, commemorating the 60th anniversary of Korea's entrance into the Universal Postal Union. Choon-Hwan Kang designed the stamp which depicts the emblem of the U.P.U. The stamp was lithographed on granite, Korean Postal Emblem watermarked paper, in sheets of fifty, in an edition of 500,000, at the Korean Government Printing Agency.

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES—In January 1960 a set of three stamps will be issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Monseigneur Martinus Nieuwindt, the first apostolic vicar of Curacao. The stamps, 10c (red-dish-brown), 20c (violet), and 25c (bronze and green), will bear a portrait of Monseigneur Nieuwindt, his name, and his coat of arms. The stamps were designed by Andre van der Vossen of Overveen.

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NICARAGUA—A commemorative set of stamps honoring Abraham Lincoln will be issued on January 21, 1960. The values, colors and editions are as follows: regular postage—5c, carmine and gray-black, one million; 10c, yellow-green and gray-black, one million; 15c, orange-red and gray-black, one million; 1.00 C, purple and gray-black, 100,000; 2.00 C, ultramarine and gray-black, 100,000; air-mails—30c, indigo and gray-black, one million; 35c, carmine and gray-black, one million; 70c, purple and gray-black, 500,-



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PHILIPPINES—Our thanks to F. Francisco, Manila, for a first day cover of the 6c stamp of Dr. Jose Rizal, overprinted with "O.B.," issued December 30, 1959, as forecast in our October 24th issue.

POLAND—Our thanks to M. A. Ray-
all de Ragan, Kowary, for further information on the new issues for 1960. In February, a set of three stamps honoring the 150th anniversary of the birth of Frederic Chopin, will be released. The set, designed by Stanely Maleski, will consist of the following values and designs: 60 gr., open pianoforte with music containing composer's dates; 1.50 Zl., part of Chopin's composition, "Variation B-dur, Opus 2," with a note in the Polish national colors; 2.50 Zl., a portrait of Chopin by Delacroix. The 60 gr. and 1.50 Zl. values were printed by multi-chrome rotogravure in editions of one million each; the 2.50 Zl. stamp was printed in recess from steel-engraved plates in an edition of 300,000.

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RYUKYU ISLANDS—Our thanks to *Meiso Mizuhara*, Tokyo, for a first day cover of the five airmail, overprinted, provisional set, issued December 20, 1959, as forecast in our December 19th issue. The overprinted values are 9c, 14c, 27c and 35c.

SAN MARINO—*Pierson Ostrow* reports that a 10-value animal set will be issued January 28, 1960, in the denominations of 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 60-, 80-, and 110-lire.

SAUDI ARABIA—*Arabian Philately*, Jeddah, reports that the definitive issues to be released, as reported in our January 9th issue, will picture various oil fields, the Military College of King Abdul-Aziz in Riyadh, the King Saud Hospital in Riyadh, and the Dammam Harbor. The values for ordinary postage will be ½, 1, 1½, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7½, 8, 9, 10, 20, 50, 75, 100 and 200 Guerche (local piasters). The airmails will be in denominations of 1, 2½, 3½, 4, 5½, 6, 8, 9, 10½, 15, 20, 30, 50, 100, and 200 Guerche (local piasters).

A set of three stamps will be issued to commemorate the Arab Postal Union Conference to be held in Riyadh on January 18, 1960. The stamps will depict the Ministry of Communications Building and it is believed the values will be 2½, 5½, and 10½ piasters.

Other commemorative stamps expected are a three-value set for the Arab Wire and Wireless Conference to be held in Damascus, a set honoring the first telephone communication between Jeddah and foreign countries, and another set honoring the inauguration of the Arab League Building in Cairo on March 22, 1960.

SPAIN—Our thanks to *M. Galvez*, Madrid, for a first day cover and maximum card of the one Pta., Christmas stamp issued December 10, 1959, as forecast in our December 5th issue.

SURINAM—Our thanks to the *Surinam Philatelic Agency*, New York, for a first day cover of the 20c stamp commemorating the fifth anniversary of the joint constitution of the Netherlands, Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles, issued December 15, 1959, as reported in our January 2nd issue.

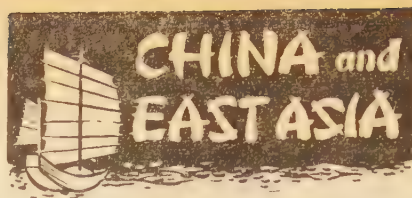
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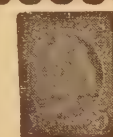
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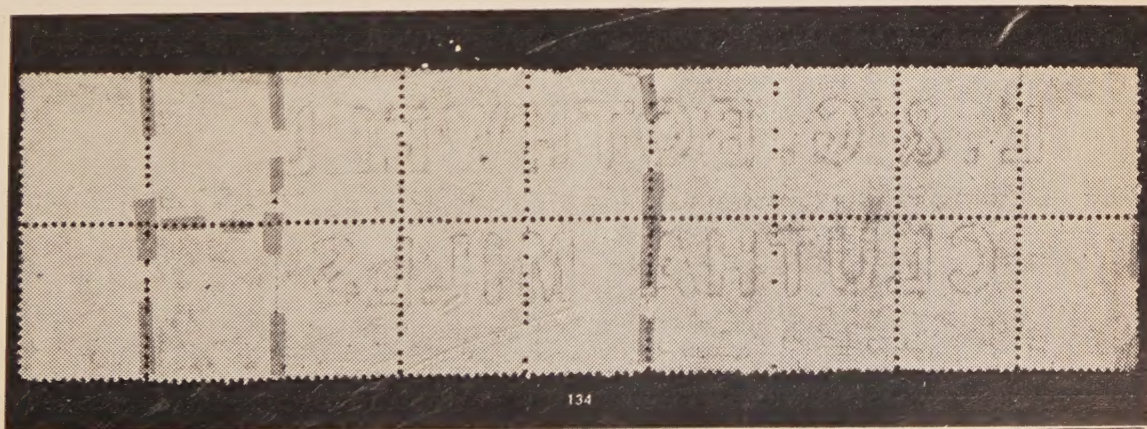
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